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C O N F I D E N T I A L JIDDA 1794

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SUBJECT: MIDEASTFOR OJT-AFLOAT TRAINING FOR RSN

REF: A. COMIDEASTFOR 101116Z MAR 75

B. USCINCEUR 101617Z FEB 75

C. JIDDA 398 DTG 191400Z JAN 75

1. EMBASSY IS PLEASED TO NOTE MIDEASTFOR READINESS TO ACCOMMODATE RSN PERSONNEL ON CRUISE FROM JIDDA TO DHAHRAN. FEEL, HOWEVER, THAT IF WE ARE TO OBTAIN MAXIMUM IMPACT, AND REAP EVENTUAL REWARD IN FORM OF SAG SUPPORT FOR MIDEASTFOR PRESENCE, WE SHOULD OFFER MINDEF PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF TRAINING CRUISES IN SEMI-ANNUAL INCREMENTS, RATHER THAN ON ONE-AT -A-TIME AD HOC BASIS.

2. PROPOSED ONE-WEEK CRUISE IS GOOD WAY TO LEAD OFF PROGRAM, THOUGH PERIOD IS LESS THAN TWO WEEKS OR MORE RECOMMENDED IN REFS B AND C. THERE IS, HOWEVER, NO RSN REPRESENTATIVE POSTED IN JIDDA WHO COULD BE AUTHORIZED TO UNDERTAKE

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COORDINATION CONSULTATION WITH MIDEASTFOR. IN ANY CASE,

PRIOR TO CONTACT BETWEEN MIDEASTFOR AND RSN(CONDUCTED WITH USMTM AS PARTICIPATING INTERMEDIARY), AMBASSADOR SHOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO INFORM MINDEF SULTAN OF USG PROPOSAL FOR OJT AFLOAT TRAINING, AND SHOULD PRESENT SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED CRUISES. FOLLOWING THIS PRESENTATION, USMTM, RSN, AND MIDEASTFOR REPS COULD MEET AT DHAHRAN TO DISCUSS RSN NEEDS AND MIDEASTFOR TRAINING CAPABILITIES. IF THESE DISCUSSIONS COULD BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO ARRIVAL OF USS TRIPPE IN JIDDA THEN RSN PERSONNEL MIGHT BE ACCOMMODATED ON JIDDA-DHAHRAN CRUISE; OTHERWISE, PROGRAM COULD START AT NEXT SUITABLE OPPORTUNITY. WHILE SIZE OF SAUDI CONTINGENT IS BEST DETERMINED BY MIDEASTFOR, EMBASSY FEELS THAT NUMBERS SHOULD NOT BE SO LARGE AS TO ENCOURAGE SAUDIS TO CLIQUE TOGETHER AND REDUCE VALUE OF TRAINING EXPERIENCE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT AMBASSADOR BE AUTHORIZED TO PRESENT OJT-AFLOAT PROPOSAL, INCLUDING INITIAL CRUISE SCHEDULE, TO MINDEF SULTAN WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS, THE EARLIER THE BETTER.

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